

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and favorable consideration of the application in light of the amendments above. Claims 6-10 and 26-40 are currently pending in the application.

In a response to a restriction requirement filed April 21, 2003, Applicants elected Species B, which included claims 6-10 and subject matter directed to "a forcing mechanism," as indicated by the Restriction Requirement. Thus, in accordance with Applicants' election, claims 1-5 and 11-25 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 26-40, which are directed to subject matter similar to that of originally filed claims 6-10 from Species B, have been added by way of the foregoing amendments. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of newly added claims 26-40 and originally filed claims 6-10 prior to the first action on the merits.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this communication, or the application in general, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at 703-456-8108.

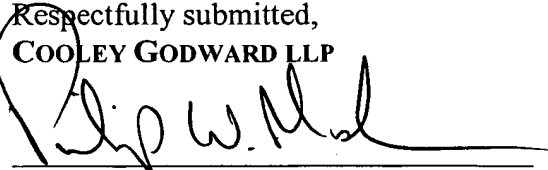
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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